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Jane Henney, Commissioner
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RE: Alliance for Bio-Integrity v. Shalala, Docket Number 98-1300 (CKK)

Dear Ms. Henney:

If they are safe, why aren't genetically engineered foods labeled? Other countries do this and refuse to buy many of our products because they do not satisfy their standards. Should our standards be any lower? It is extremely helpful, when the label identifies the ingredients, to choose foods that best suit the particular needs of an individual. The FDA has done a great service to the American public by requiring labeling of foodstuffs.

Now we have new and more ominous products that are genetically engineered with viruses and bacteria, but we are not given the choice to accept or reject them. I fully support the lawsuit asking for stronger safety testing and mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered foods.

My paranoia about the influence of money in Washington could lead me to believe that corporations are being favored over the health and welfare of the American people. I truly hope this is not the case.

Sincerely,



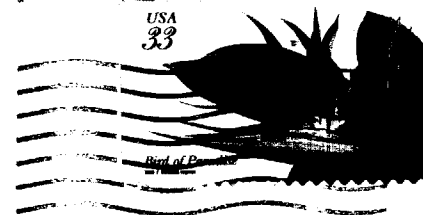
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